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Shanghai Municipal Police. No. 250  
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Tangtze-hao Station.

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**REPORT ON**

Made by S. S. D. Ward

Forwarded by

Chief Detective Inspector

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I beg to report that at about 9 am 13<sup>th</sup> inst a telephone message was received from Wung-Keang-kong Station, reporting that at about 3 am the same morning, a large shell had been fired from somewhere, and dropped in Chinese territory at the north of the China flour mill causing a great explosion. Immediately on receiving the message I accompanied by C.O.C. 48th Dragoons proceeded to the scene via Wung-Keang-kong, where I called to make some enquiries at the Chinese Police station where I was told that apparently a shell had dropped as there was a big hole in a piece of ground at the back of the flour mill. It appears that between 3.30 & 4 am 13<sup>th</sup> inst an explosion was felt by the country people residing in a district called Si-foo (地頭) situated about 250 yards outside the settlement boundary & about 6 yards from the G'Poo Road extension. The explosion was so severe that it shook the furniture in the houses in the vicinity for a radius of about 300 yards from where the explosion took place.

On arriving at the place I found that the hole was filled up this was done by the native police who had been to the scene about 7.30 am, but some loose earth was scattered about for about 20 feet. Enquiries were made in the neighbourhood, but it appears nobody saw a shell they only saw a big

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Made by H. S. Dunn

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hole. They said that when they arrived in the morning that the clay around the hole was coloured black & smelt of powder, when I got there I saw a few small black patches which may have been caused by powder but there was no smell.

The C. S. P., C. D. I. & Trap Johnstone arrived & had the hole re-opened it was about 2 feet in depth & about 2 feet in diameter.

Inspector Johnstone & I with the Chinese detective made, during the afternoon, & questioned the workers in the La-Ling cotton Mill, who were supposed to be the first to have seen the hole, but without result. The houses, trees, bamboo fences etc were examined but no sign of any piece of shell having struck them could be found.

P. P. Grantes who was on office duty & heard the report of a big gun about 3.45 am.

P. C. Morgan was on Patrol & heard something swish past him in the air when he was walking the Thornbury Road

I am Sir

Yours obedient servant

H. Dunn D.S.P.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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